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SUBJECT: WORLD BANK PROPOSAL FOR INDIA DEBT RESCHEDULING

REF: STATE 114620

- 1. GOB INITIAL REACTION TO WORLD BANK PROPOSAL TO RESCHEDULE 45 PERCENT OF INDIAN DEBT PAYMENTS LIKELY TO BE ONE OF CAUTIOUS NON-COMMITMENT.
- 2. GOB GENERALLY VIEWS DEBT SCHEDULING PROBLEMS IN COMMERCIAL PERSPECTIVE, PREFERRING THAT RESETTLEMENTS BE ARRANGED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE ALONG "TRADITIONAL" LINES. HOWEVER GOB HAS RECOGNIZED (BRUSSELS 3254, SEPTEMBER 1, 1972) THAT INDIA WAS SPECIAL "POLITICAL" EXCEPTION TO GENERAL RESCHEDULING POLICY. IN ADDITION, GOB AVOIDS MARKED DIVERGENCE FROM MAJORITY OPINIONS WITHIN RELEVANT CONSORTIA GIVEN LIMITED EXTENT ITS CREDIT EXPOSURE IN THESE SITUATIONS.
- 3. IN VIEW ABOVE GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS USUALLY REFLECTED IN GOB RESCHEDULING POLICY, WE ESTIMATE BELGIAN PREFERENCES LIKELY TO BE IN THIS ORDER: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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(A) SUPPORT FOR MOTION BY MAJOR CREDITORS TO DEFER

ANY DECISION ON RESCHEDULING UNTIL LATER THIS YEAR.

- (B) IN ABSENCE SERIOUS EFFORT TO POSTPONE DECISION, SUPPORT FOR ANY MOVES TO REDUCE PROPOSED LEVEL OF RESCHEDULING.
- (C) ACCEPT GENERAL CONSENSUS WITHIN CONSORTIUM TO ACCEPT WORLD BANK PROPOSAL, ASSUMING CONSENSUS ALSO SHARED BY USG. BOOCHEVER

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